administration, health work, arranging for agricultural demonstrations, and supply of agricultural implements. As I said already, these are not deliberative councils but committees meant for expeditious despatch of departmental work. Hence within the existing limited scope of the committee, non-officials cannot be very useful.

Mr. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—In the absence of such non-officials, has not the quality of work done by the officers suffered ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The hon. the Second Member of Council has explained the object of the committee. It is purely an executive committee of officers who are intimately connected with the work. Enlarging the scope of the committee is quite a different matter.

Mr. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Is it not a fact that the places selected for the work are not quite suitable for the purpose and that the money spent is a waste ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That point does not arise out of the main question.

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Is it not necessary to have the District Board Presidents on the committee ?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—It is not a committee in the real sense of the term. It is merely a meeting of officers for comparing the data collected, verifying notes, etc. These officers do take the co-operation of the District Board Presidents in vital matters such as provision of drinking water wells, vaccination, etc.

Rural Reconstruction.

Q.—52. **Sri. D. SAKAMMA** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government are going to constitute a central committee or separate committees in connection with proposed intensive rural reconstruction work in selected villages ;

(*b*) whether the Government will have women to serve on such committees ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) An informal committee will be constituted for each revenue subdivision.

(*b*) The committee is comprised of officials only.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that in Kempanahalli, for want of non-officials on the standing committee, the work has been stopped before completion ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—There is the village panchayet to look after the work. If, in this particular case, there is any discrepancy, we shall inquire.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is there any objection to have some non-officials including a lady on the committee ?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—Then what is the village panchayet for ?

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—The village panchayet is not taken into confidence.

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—But the work is got done by the village panchayet.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Is it not desirable to have a local committee to lay down a programme of works to be done ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—There are about 300 and odd villages selected. If there should be a separate committee for each village, the whole scheme may fall through. Therefore it is that there is only one working committee.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—At least in chalking out the programme, should not local people be consulted ?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—The entire panchayet is there and local influential people are there. They themselves will tell the officers what they want.

New Labour Colony at Srirampur.

Q.—54. **Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many houses have been constructed in the New Labour Colony at Srirampur, Bangalore ;